

ENGLISH LEARNERS

Description of Indicator

This indicator measures the percentage of enrolled students who are English Learners (formerly Limited English Proficiency) in Orange County over the past five years. Comparison of 1998-1999 enrollment of English Learners with other California counties and the state.

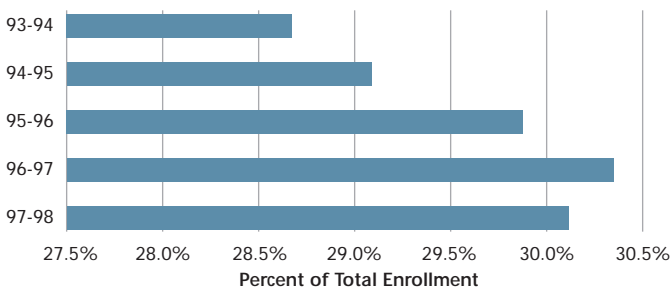
Why is it Important?

Students who have limited English speaking skills face academic and financial challenges, such as difficulties in finding jobs. An educated workforce with strong communications skills is important for a strong economy.

How is Orange County Doing?

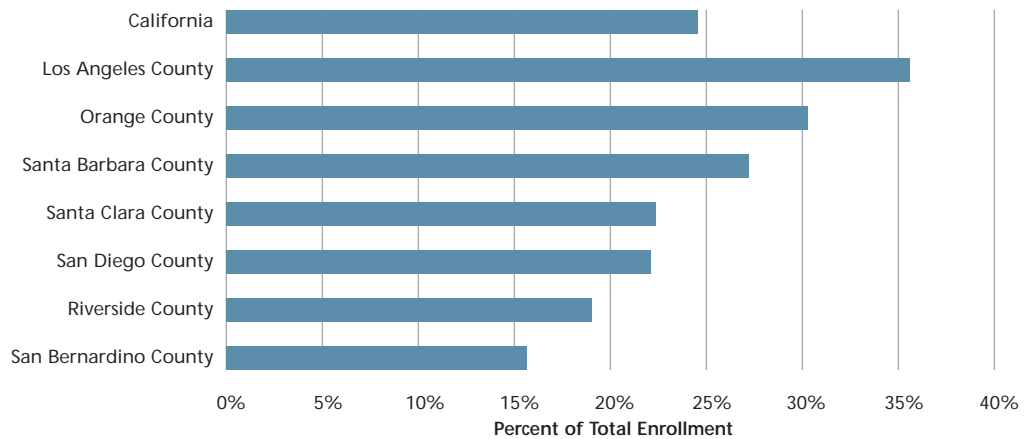
The amount of English Learners has been increasing slowly over the past five years. Compared to surrounding and peer counties, Orange County had the second largest enrollment of English Learners in the 1997-1998 school year (30%). Los Angeles County had the largest percentage (36%). Los Angeles, Orange, and Santa Barbara Counties exceed the state average enrollment of English Learners (25%). From 92/93 to 97/98 the Orange County English Learner enrollment has increased by 1.4%.

English Learners as a Percent of Total Enrollment in Orange County



Source: California Dept. of Education

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Source: California Department of Education, Countywide Profile, September 1999 (www.ed-data.k12.ca.us)